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# Dharm

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Faith is where empathy is  
With rage there is sin  
Hatred finds place in hell  
Forgiveness is where He is  
Awaken! -  
Dawn is breaking... -  
Washing away the cover of darkness  
Dawn is breaking...  
Awaken!  
May Lord Shiva bless you  
Shake away the mist of dreams  
Focus on the task at hand  
It will take you down  
the path to salvation  
Every direction beckons you -  
Aboard the boat of life -  
- You'll be carried by  
the holy river's tide  
- Dawn is breaking...  
- Awaken!  
'Accept this offering O Keshava'  
'Accept this offering O Narayana'  
'Accept this prayer,  
O Mighty Sun God'  
'O Lord, creator of the universe remove  
our miseries, vices and sorrows'  
'Give us the ability  
to lead upright, good lives'  
- The fluttering leaves point the way  
- The river flows as it cleanses your sins -  
- And the temple bells sound  
the presence of the Lord  
- Dawn is breaking...  
- Awaken! O traveler-  
- Life is passing you by-  
- Hold on to that faint string...  
- and do what is only right  
- Dawn is breaking  
Welcome  
I seek your blessings Punditji  
You're late as usual  
It's almost afternoon  
I reached home late last night  
after a wedding ceremony...

My 3 year old son was  
crying relentlessly...  
due to an upset stomach  
I fell asleep, putting him to bed  
Before I knew it,  
the Sun God had risen  
The sun doesn't rise according to  
your convenience, Daya Shankar  
Leading life by the rising and setting of  
the sun is the duty of every Brahmin priest  
And ostentation isn't the  
objective of prayer  
You may find gullible customers...  
but you won't find God  
Forgive me Punditji,  
I didn't see you  
How dare you touch and  
defile Pundit Chaturvedi!  
I am sorry Punditji.  
Please forgive me  
Kalua! Mallah! Come here... Hurry!  
He's defiled Pundit Chaturvedi  
Beat him up  
Stop!  
Stop! Don't hit him  
'O Lord purify my mind, body and soul'  
What's going on?  
We are Brahmins  
Lord Brahma himself gave us  
this most superior caste  
Even the shadow of that lowly  
untouchable shouldn't fall on us  
And he touched Pundit Chaturvedi!  
'May this thread of Lord Brahma confer  
upon me knowledge and wisdom'  
Greetings Punditji  
That poor man was beaten up  
for your sake  
And you didn't intervene?  
Why should he?  
That lowly fool has defiled  
Pundit Chaturvedi  
The divine light created by the Lord is  
the genesis of all mankind

Then how can one man be  
different from another?  
Our scriptures also state this.  
Don't they?  
Are you trying to teach  
Punditji the scriptures?  
We challenge you to a debate with him  
Shyam!  
Lord Shiva has blessed me with  
the knowledge of the scriptures  
What about the truth of life?  
Hail, the mighty Lord Shiva  
- Awaken!  
- Dawn is breaking  
I'm sending sweets to your house...  
offer them to the God in your prayers  
Thank you. My daughter  
will bring the money  
Punditji, what did that mystic mean?  
Knowing the meaning is not enough  
To understand religion,  
one must live by its tenets  
The world is full of so called mystics  
If you want to grasp the true essence of the Hindu  
religion pay attention to Punditji's teachings  
Understand Mr. Paul?  
Goras Nath, I'm not going to  
change my mind,  
I will not be a part of any  
religious propaganda  
My child, come back in an hour  
'I recite the names of the places  
where you dwell'  
'My sins from 7 lifetimes will be  
destroyed by this recollection'  
'By merely looking at your image...  
'I'll no longer be touched by sin'  
'I pray to you morning and  
evening, O Lord'  
'Detach me from Karma,  
so I can only live to please you'  
'Hail, the mighty Lord Shiva! '  
'You are the incarnation of compassion'  
'You're the very essence of life'

'Your eternal abode is the  
heart of your devotee'  
'I bow to you Lord Shiva and  
your consort Parvati'  
'My Lord Shiva is the one in eternal bliss'  
'The one who is resplendent  
and omnipresent'  
'The one who embodies the scriptures'  
'The one who is limitless and pure  
like the sky. I adore you'  
'O beloved Lord of all...  
with shimmering jewels in his ears'  
'Your beautiful large eyes...  
full of mercy and a cheerful countenance.  
I adore you'  
'Hail, the mighty Lord Shiva'  
May the mighty Lord Shiva bless you  
Be careful. Do not eat street food or  
take a helping from others  
Communal riots broke out in Bhadohi  
early this morning...  
persons from a minority community  
are reported dead  
Many homes have been burnt down  
What sparked off this Hindu-Muslim riot?  
Hindu-Muslim animosity is part of our history  
Any small scuffle...  
can trigger a riot  
Which means...  
father and son...  
husband and wife...  
relatives and brothers  
can forsake each other  
But Mother Ganges never forsakes...  
who-so-ever takes a dip  
in Her holy waters  
The River Goddess Ganges...  
washes away his sins  
and liberates him  
In this modern world...  
where virtues are disappearing...  
we are fortunate for the  
presence of Mother Ganges  
Are your students late today?

Or have I finished my chores early?  
All you have been quick at,  
is forgetting, Parvati  
Will you teach the students...  
while I perform the prayers at  
Vishnu Singh's house?  
Today, is the fire ritual for Surya Prakash, let's hope  
the Gods drive some sense into his head  
He is unlike his father  
So hot headed  
This may take a lot of time  
Many lifetimes I believe  
I was referring to the fire ritual  
That won't take much time  
So, you won't be able to eat before noon  
I am a Brahmin.  
I feed the soul first  
But you must eat.  
Don't wait for me  
The doctor has advised you to eat on time  
I am a brahmin's wife.  
I know what is good for my soul  
I will wait for you  
You're a woman  
You needn't live by the rule  
sprescribed for men  
I know  
The scriptures also prescribe that  
every woman be a dutiful wife -  
Pativrat  
Punditji!  
I read somewhere that a woman's...  
Pativrat Dharm  
dictates she must obey all of  
her husband's wishes  
It is written in the Manu Smriti  
In chapter 9, verse 154 - 55  
Very good my child  
Paul, a woman without husband  
has no status in society  
What are you learning from Punditji today?  
We're on an interesting subject  
A woman's Dharma as a dutiful wife  
You've performed good deeds

in your past life...  
to have the good fortune to come  
all the way to India...  
and learn about our religion and  
culture from Punditji  
And some unfortunate people,  
despite being born here...  
Shut up! Just shut up!  
Don't interfere, Prabha  
I have decided she won't go  
She wants to study.  
- Please let her go  
Keep your mouth shut!  
Punditji, do I have to be apart of the ritual?  
It was difficult convincing  
father to let me study further  
Today is the last day for  
submitting the application  
But my brother says...  
- You've studied enough!  
There is a ceremony in the house  
and she wants to go and study  
You keep quiet, father!  
Educated girls have neither  
virtues nor values  
Values!  
Good values require that you  
don't talk down to anyone...  
especially to your father  
As far as Mani is concerned...  
she is not required at this prayer  
Vishnu Singhji may allow her to leave  
You may go, my child  
Prabha will look after the  
prayer preparations  
Then, I will not be a part of this ceremony  
You'll do as I say!  
His ritual will take place...  
and you will be a part of it  
Pundit Chaturvedi is encouraging  
her bad behaviour  
If the elder brother is forbidding it,  
why does he need to butt in?  
He thinks he is God

And father and the foolish people  
of Benares believe he is God  
He is not!  
And still he insists on controlling  
everyone's life  
You scoundrel!  
Don't I know you'd love the same  
You'd love to have Pundit Chaturvedi's  
job and status  
Welcome, sir.  
Come, pray. Peace for father,  
grandfather, your dead  
That is ridiculous!  
So what if he holds the highest  
post of priesthood...  
My knowledge is no less than his  
Welcome madam  
Perform the invocation ceremony,  
seek the blessings of River Ganges  
Ma'am, fees  
You're doing well for yourself  
You get to touch these sexy foreigners  
need to earn my living.  
Your father doesn't pay for my expenses  
like he does for Pundit Chaturvedi  
That's because you aren't the  
Head Priest of our temple  
Wouldn't you love to be the Head Priest?  
- Dawn is breaking -  
- Washing away the cover of darkness -  
- Awaken! -  
Whose baby is this?  
What's wrong?  
Vedika was playing outside.  
A woman was thirsty  
She gave Vedika the baby  
and went to drink water  
She didn't return  
What?  
You brought in a child from the street?  
Not knowing his caste,  
how dare you touch him?  
It's a Brahmin's child  
Vedika had asked the mother



You shouldn't have brought the baby home  
His mother must be worried  
Go back and wait for her  
Vedika waited for 4 hours.  
She didn't return  
I hope all is well  
You did tell her that you were  
Punditji's daughter, didn't you?  
Then she'll surely find her way here  
You can go into the temple.  
Everything's ready  
Take him there. Play with him  
Will you do the morning prayers  
in the afternoon?  
I have to boil milk for the child  
He'll be hungry when he wakes up  
He'll disrupt Vedika's studies  
He has already disrupted your  
duties towards God  
What if he was our own child?  
I'm sure God will forgive the delay  
He knows everything  
You are right. God is omniscient  
You little brat!  
Mother, look what he has done!  
I'll iron another uniform for you  
Go, take a bath  
I rushed home after the temple prayers...  
to prepare everything for your father  
But this little one is intent on delaying me  
Vedika!  
Pick him up!  
I can't. I'm going for a bath.  
I'll get late  
I'll pick him when I finish  
preparing the prayer plate  
It's almost done  
I'll just bring the plate  
'Salutations to the mighty Lord Shiva'  
Your love for this child has blinded you  
I will have to bathe again  
Has he made you bathe twice?  
Mother, I'm leaving  
I'll get your breakfast

- Mother, I've had the gruel  
He was crying so much...  
I thought Mani would be  
here to mind him...  
but she didn't come  
I should've made your breakfast  
I can take care of myself  
From tomorrow, I'll wake up early  
and help you...  
That won't be necessary  
If the child's mother doesn't  
show up by tomorrow...  
Inspector Sharma will take him away  
It's good that you have come, dear  
Wash your hands and make some  
wheat pancakes for me  
Or I too will have to eat gruel or  
fodder meant for the cow

- How do I open my heart to you?  
- I am devoted only to you  
- My lord and master  
- You are my world  
- The colour of your love...  
- Is the colour I wear  
- Oh my lord, my love  
- I am devoted only to you

Bastard! How dare you take  
photographs of my sister!  
Please don't beat him.  
It's not his fault

- All that I see is you  
Don't hit him so much that he dies

- My words speak only of you... -  
- Even as the tears of love  
- Wash away the kohl in my eyes  
- You remain my beloved

The fault lies with our own people  
They still suck upto these foreigners...  
in the guise of providing  
them knowledge  
Punditji has come  
You should get your daughter  
married immediately  
I will now tell you the

duty of a father...  
as prescribed by the scriptures...  
which means...  
the groom's family,  
his temperament, health...  
reputation, knowledge, wealth and  
the good deeds of his ancestors  
Only by adhering to these 7 virtues...  
can a daughter be given away  
in marriage  
And it is the duty of the daughter...  
to aid her father in this task  
Have you understood that my child?  
Now listen to me!  
If you dare to venture out of the house...  
I will drown you and that foreigner  
in the Ganges  
Do you understand?  
- Like the river flows into the ocean  
- My being flows into yours  
- The sound of your flute  
- will lead me to you -  
Your presence saved Paul  
Had something serious happened to him...  
Surya Prakash wouldn't have got bail  
Any news of the child's mother?  
I checked with the Police control room  
No child has been reported  
missing in this locality  
Is there no way to trace the child's mother?  
I can check in other villages  
around Benares  
But that will take some time...  
About a week  
If no complaint has been lodged...  
it's unlikely you will find her  
The woman has abandoned the child  
It is your belief that...  
everything is preordained  
May be, God has sent us  
this child for a purpose  
Till Inspector Sharma gets  
more information...  
shall we keep the child?

Improve your punctuation

- Yes, father

Come here, my child

What happened on television today?

Thanks to this little one...

I couldn't go to Gayatri's house  
to watch T.V.

Your little one could be  
a blessing in disguise

All girls are born with a maternal instinct

I wish Vedika gets married  
to a handsome young man...

Vedika's marriage will not be  
according to your wishes...

but where it is destined

Fate preordains every relationship  
in the world

You are lying to me

She's eloped!

And you have no clue?

I'll kill you, I'll kill everyone

I'll destroy this entire house

Have you gone mad!

Put that down!

Mani has driven me mad!

How will we face the world?

You and Pundit Chaturvedi have caused this

I've lost both my children, Punditji

What should I do now?

If Mani was your daughter,

what would you do?

I wouldn't be able to do anything

A girl who weds by her own choice...

is responsible for her own deeds

Consider her dead

Had Pandit Chaturvedi not entertained Paul

you wouldn't have to see this day

How dare you step on the holy flowers!

These non-believers have sworn

to defile our religion!

I'll teach you a lesson

Leave me

Stop it. Relax. Calm down!

Nothing can be achieved by

what you are doing  
We need to protect our way of life,  
our Dharma  
Come join us in our fight  
against all non-believers  
Hail, the Mighty Lord Shiva  
- To protect our religion...  
- it's our duty to destroy its enemies  
- Our culture demands this from us  
Our religion is the most ancient  
and the purest  
Foreigners and non-Hindu forces are  
constantly attacking our religion  
Do not deviate from the path  
you have chosen to tread  
It is your path to salvation  
Pray that we continue to march ahead  
protecting our religion, our Dharma  
May our endeavors succeed!  
What happened my child?  
I'll be with you in a while...  
Have some patience  
Quiet my child.  
I'll sieve the flour and be with you.  
Have some patience  
I cannot touch you till I finish cooking  
I'll have to bathe again  
- Will you calm him down?!  
I can't do anything,  
till I serve your meal  
Do you expect me to entertain him?  
- Could you?  
It will calm him down  
You needn't touch him  
There has been no news  
of the child's mother.  
We can send the child to  
the government orphanage.  
The government orphanage  
will not be appropriate.  
It's God's will that a Brahmin's child  
has come to our house  
The temple orphanage is  
where he will be sent

I don't know how to decipher God's will...  
but I've been thinking of something  
You've started thinking?  
Lord Shiva, have mercy!  
Don't let the thought weigh on your mind...  
speak out...  
else you won't be able to sleep tonight  
There is no one better than you at teaching  
religion and the scriptures  
Maybe, God wants this child to  
learn religious values from you...  
like you'd teach your own child  
Are you suggesting we adopt the child?  
What if his mother comes back?  
Then the child will be fortunate to have  
the love of two mothers  
Like the son of Lord Shiva.  
Kartikey!  
Parvati!  
Why are you wailing?  
You've disrupted my meditation!  
Do you think I'm here to entertain you?  
'My Lord Shiva, I adore you'  
'You're the one in eternal bliss'  
'Limitless and pure like the sky'  
'I adore you'  
'My Lord Shiva, I adore you'  
- My Lord Shiva, I adore you -  
- You're the one in eternal bliss,  
I adore you -  
- My Lord Shiva, I adore you -  
- Limitless and pure like the sky,  
I adore you -  
- I'd left him sleeping on the swing  
- He must have said, "Bauji, pick me up"  
- Quiet. Your father is sleeping  
Kartikey  
- Father, look at me  
'Hail, the mighty Lord Shiva'  
We have a swing!  
'You are the one who embodies the scriptures'  
Quiet, father is praying  
'The one who is resplendent and omnipresent'  
'The one who is limitless and pure

like the sky. I adore you'

Father!

Mother!

Father!

Hello!

I can perform the prayer for your

new house over the phone

It won't even mess up your house

Money? You can send it to

my website address

Ok. Good day

Sorry. It must be good night over there

Call from America

- Here comes Punditji

That was his client from America

Pundit Daya Shankarji has become world famous

We are suppose to serve and

not sell our religion

What's wrong with that?

Everyone should adapt to

the changing times

The Truth doesn't change with time

What our scriptures prescribe

is the greatest truth

But you won't understand that

Coming, son!

Come in, Daya Shankar

No, I am fine where I am

That child... that Vedika had brought home

The one Punditji considers his son

and you call Kartikey

His mother is here to take him

She had escaped to Benares

from the riot in Bhadohi

Parched, she fainted on the riverside

People admitted her to the

government hospital

The loss of her child made

her mentally unstable

Where is Kartikey's mother?

It's about time you met

I met her at the riverside,

looking for your house

Please come in...

Your entry into this house  
cannot be prohibited  
My name is Nafeesa  
I run Dar-ul-Mohsenaat,  
an institute for destitute woman  
And she is Suraiya  
She is Mustafa's mother  
May Allah bless you for  
sheltering her son  
How is this possible! He...  
- The child was very small  
They hadn't circumcised him  
- When the riots started in Bhadohi  
she ran away to save her child's life  
I found her at the government hospital  
- She was not in her senses  
- It took her a few years to  
even speak properly  
We visited many police stations  
in and around Benares  
We'd almost given up,  
when we met Inspector Sharma  
We bumped into Daya Shankarji  
who brought us to you  
Vedika  
Mother, no! Please don't let him go  
- Mother, I don't want to go  
- Sister  
- Sister  
Take him away.  
Father...  
I don't want to go  
Father!  
- Quiet, father is praying  
'We pray O Lord...  
that you purify this home...  
cleanse our bodies, minds and souls'  
'Accept this offering O Keshava'  
'Accept this offering O Narayana'  
'Accept this offering O Madhava'  
'Accept this offering O Govinda'  
I want to...  
I don't want any justification  
I'll punish myself for your sins



You couldn't control your tongue...  
so I'll hold back mine  
From this very moment...  
for indefinite time...  
I take on the penance of silence  
- Quiet, father is praying  
You've cleansed yourself  
God knows that it wasn't your fault  
You needn't break your silence...  
but please resume your duties  
at the temple  
- Father, I dropped the vermillion  
Pundit Chaturvedi! The purest!  
The ultimate in priesthood!  
Fooled by his wife!  
He ranks as a non-believer  
The Muslim child has defiled  
his temple and home.  
All the cleansing is a cover up!  
But what about Surya Prakashji's  
temple affairs?  
Do you still hanker for that job?  
You are wealthy now  
It's not the job...  
but the person who runs that temple...  
must be physically, mentally,  
and spiritually pure  
Pundit Chaturvedi, is impure now  
Are you in your senses?  
Pundit Chaturvedi has purified himself!  
He should be removed from the position  
Not as long as I am alive  
Once again, you're wrong  
I have endured Pandit Chaturvedi so far  
But, not any longer  
Will you remove him forcefully?  
For that con man, Daya Shankar?  
Con man?  
I'd rather have a con man than  
an impure man run my temple  
And if you don't agree, father...  
I'll force him to step down  
Alright, Surya Prakash  
You have Daya Shankar, Gorasnath...

the power of your organisation  
And Pundit Chaturvedi...  
has the strength of his faith  
I challenge all of you!  
- If you prove Punditji's impurity...  
- I will end this relationship with him  
God, you are the omniscient  
I'm unable to purify my thoughts  
and my heart  
Despite my penance...  
I am tormented  
Give me the strength to surrender  
to you completely  
The kind of strength...  
that will lead me to you  
Father has broken his silence  
On this moonless night...  
I take on the Chandrayan Vrat  
Where is Punditji?  
He can't talk to you  
Is he hiding behind the oath of silence?  
He is doing his prayers  
To atone for his sin she's taken  
on another penance  
Another one?  
What penance will he do now?  
Chandrayan  
Chandrayan Vrat?  
- Are you sure?  
What's this penance all about?  
The Chandrayan Vrat is the most  
arduous penance in the scriptures  
After the moonless night,  
the devotee has to eat...  
increasing 1 morsel per day...  
reaching 15 morsels on the full moon night  
After the full moon night...  
the devotee reduces a morsel a day  
till the moonless night  
Apart from this, he can not eat  
or drink anything  
O Lord, with Your grace...  
I complete the Chandrayan Vrat today  
Any trace of sin in my deeds...

I surrender to you in this fire  
Give me the strength, O Lord...  
to continue to walk your path...  
despite all impediments  
Forgive me...  
for committing such a grave sin  
I'll never stray from my duty again  
I forgive you  
I've prayed to God with all my heart and soul  
I hope He forgives me  
The penance is over, right mother?  
Yes, it is over  
A petty squabble amongst a group  
of Muslims and Hindus...  
has turned into a communal riot...  
in Sewapuri, a small town near Benares  
To control the situation additional  
forces have been deployed  
Some bodies are charred  
beyond recognition  
Paul Gordon, a foreign journalist,  
has been killed in this riot  
Paul was writing a book  
on the Hindu religion  
- Who are you?  
What are you doing here?  
- I am a journalist, please leave me alone  
- Surya Prakash is right  
- Mani can't live in this house  
- Where will she go?  
- Your stubbornness has caused this nuisance  
- She is my daughter. I will not abandon her  
- Wait till Punditji arrives  
He'll drill some sense into you  
This is an emergency  
It is true that...  
Mani had abandoned this house...  
but, being the father of a widow...  
it is your duty,  
according to the scriptures...  
to provide for her food, clothing...  
shelter, medicines etc  
- The communal violence that  
originated in Sewapuri...

- has spread like wild fire to Benares  
- To control the situation,  
a curfew has been clamped...  
- in the Muslim areas of the city  
- Rioting and arson have been  
reported from many areas...

- in the ancient holy city of Benares  
Mother!

'My Lord Shiva, the one in eternal bliss'  
'You embody the scriptures.  
You are resplendent, omnipresent'  
Mother!

'You are limitless and pure like the sky'  
'I adore you'

- Please listen! Open the door  
Mother, Kartikey is here

- 'O benevolent Lord of the Himalayas'  
- 'O eternal soul'

Riots have broken out in our area  
It was tough bringing Mustafa here

- Kartik, he's your Kartik  
- 'You are beyond human knowledge'  
- Only you can save him  
- 'O destroyer of evil. I bow to you'  
- Please protect him  
- Open the door! They will kill him  
- 'The Ganges is Your crown'  
- Please open the door

- 'The crescent moon Your ornament'  
- 'You dwell in all living beings'  
- Allah is watching you!

- 'O Lord and Master,  
I adore You'- Please save this innocent life  
You are his mother! He is your Kartik!

How can you be so stone hearted?

- 'O beloved Lord of all'  
- 'Your beautiful large eyes are... '  
- For God sake, help us  
- 'always full of mercy'  
- Please don't let him die!

Let him in, mother

Call your mother

Call out to her

Call her again!

- 'I bow prostrate to You'  
- Call out to your father  
Quiet, father is praying!  
'O my Lord Shiva...  
I adore You'  
Hail, the mighty Lord Shiva  
By not taking him back...  
we've fulfilled our duty as Hindus  
Haven't we?  
Another prayer ceremony...  
to calm my restless mind  
With a calm mind...  
- I shall perform my duty tonight  
- I've heard, one of them tried to escape  
- No. He was nabbed!  
- The real task was done by Pandharee  
- What did he do?  
- Like those Muslims stabbed  
the Hindu to death...  
- Pandharee did the same...  
- Women, old men, children,  
he spared no one  
- Our religion is being destroyed...  
- by the non-believers  
- We will teach them a lesson tonight  
- Not one will be left alive  
- We'll kill them all!  
This is a very auspicious day  
Today, as a Brahmin,  
you pray for our faith  
and Surya Prakashji...  
will protect our faith, as a warrior  
It's time all of us fulfill our duties...  
to protect our faith, our religion  
It's not easy to abandon the one you love  
The divine light created by the Lord...  
is the genesis of all mankind  
Then how can one man...  
be different from another?  
Hail, the mighty Lord Shiva!  
Surya Prakash...  
violence is a grave sin!  
This is a do or die situation  
Sermons won't work here.

Only the sword will  
Goras, get him!  
- Mustafa  
Love for that child has misled this priest!  
I'll kill him!  
From the day you were born,  
I have tried to teach you the  
meaning of religion  
I will not let you tread the path of sin  
Religion is not only devotion...  
but also duty and deeds  
Religion is unity and brotherhood  
Religion means looking beyond  
caste and creed  
Humanity is religion  
This...  
This...  
this...  
this is not religion  
'As You lead us...  
to the place you dwell...  
our sins of seven life times...  
will be destroyed'  
- Oh Lord of the heavens  
- Blessed is thy name  
- Be it God, be it Allah  
You are the same  
- Grant us all this wisdom -